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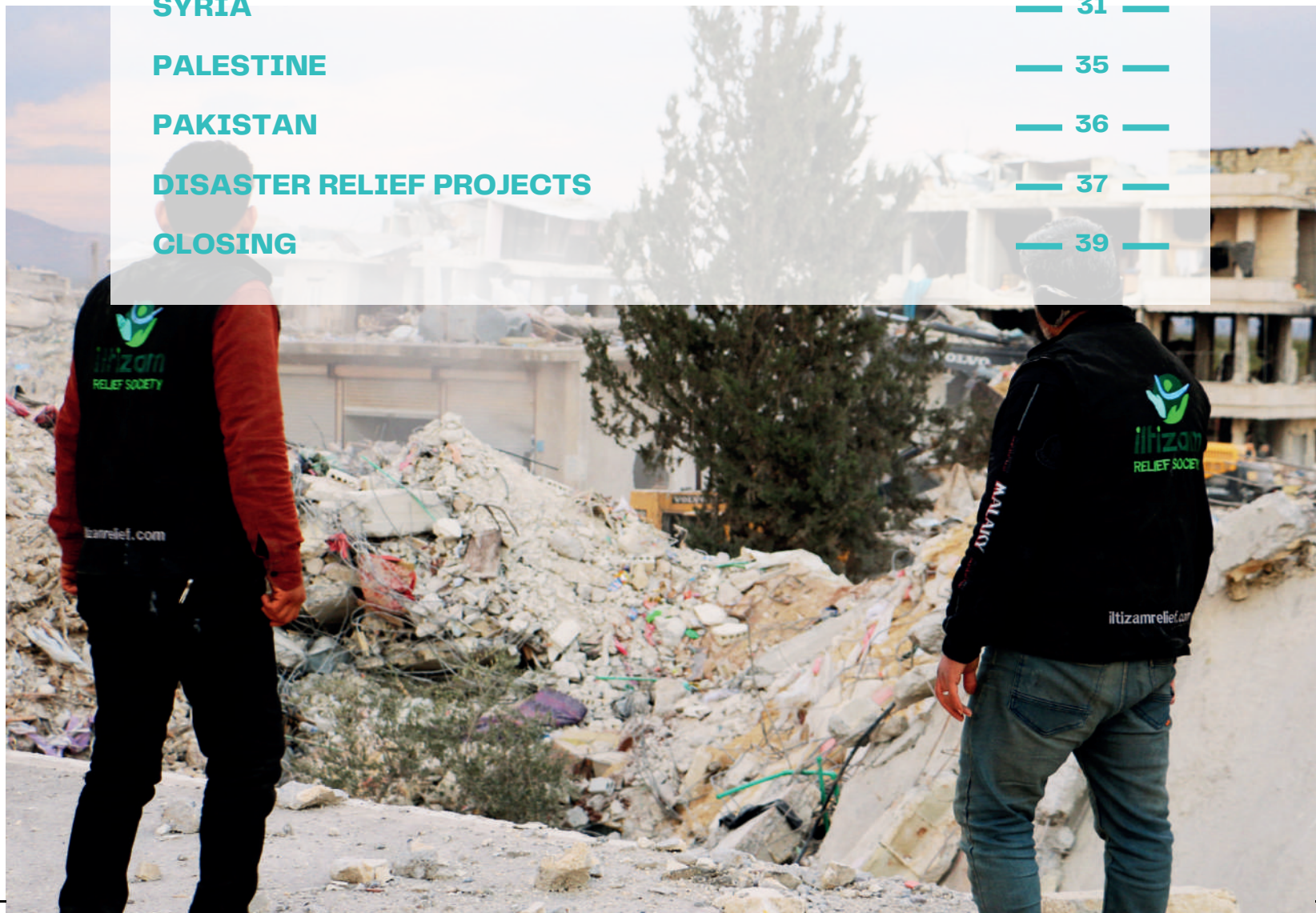
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- Malaysia
- Cambodia,
- Myanmar,
- Nepal,
- Syria,
- Yemen,
- Palestine,
- Lebanon,
- Bangladesh,
- Pakistan
- India.



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INTRODUCTION

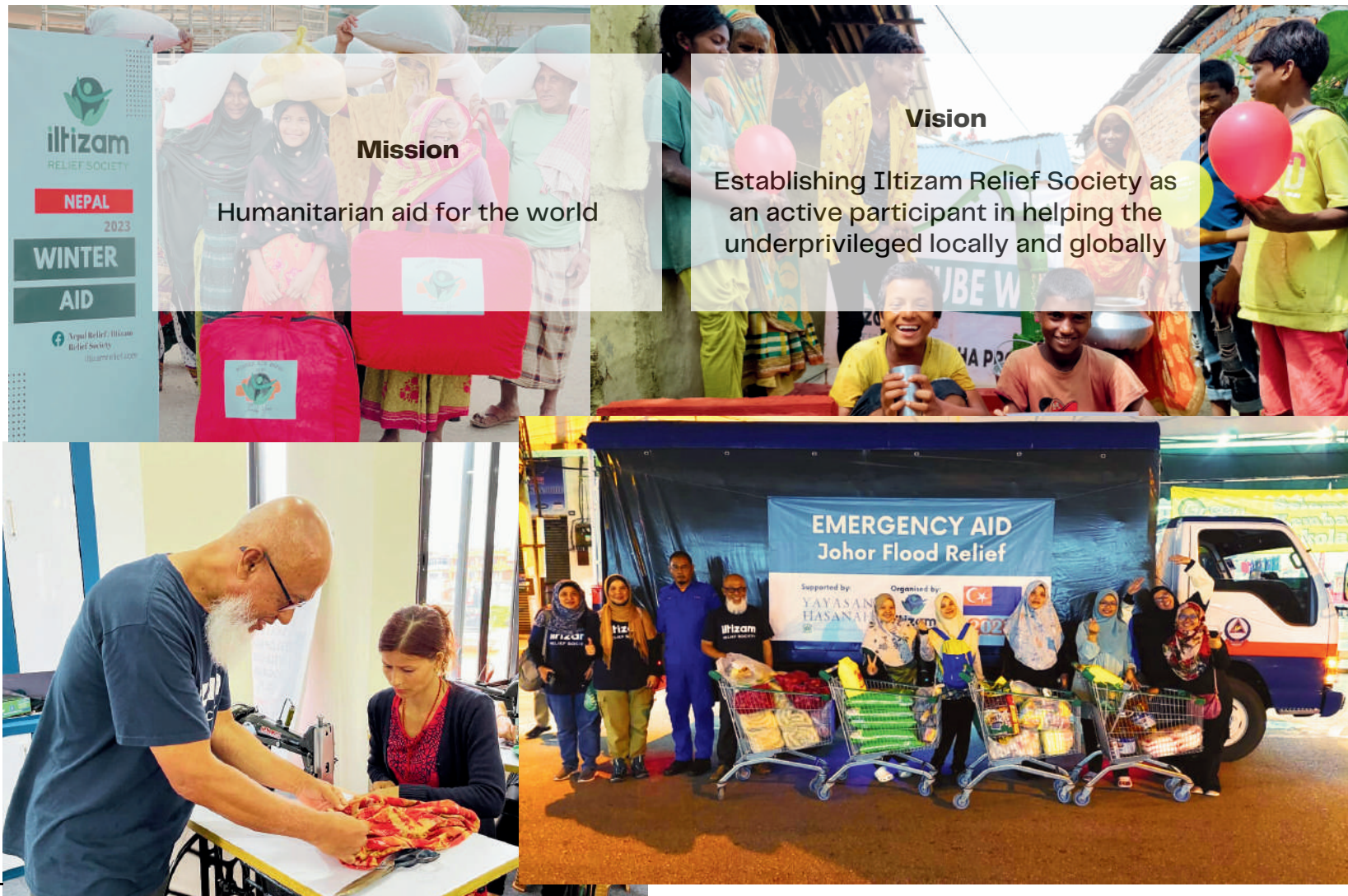
Registered on April 8th, 2013, Itizam Relief Society is a Non-Governmental Organisation set in alleviating humanitarian issues faced by oppressed Muslims around the world. Our work is guided by Surah Ali Imran, verse 103;

وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

"Altogether hold fast the **rope of Allah (Faith of Islam)** and be not **divided among yourselves**"

We seek to respond to Allah's summon; to hold steady in our faith and not divide ourselves. We aim at being the rope that connects blessed givers to needy receivers across the world; to empower the underprivileged with essential resources, much needed opportunities, access to better health and hope for brighter futures.

Thus far, we have successfully executed countless humanitarian aid campaigns both at home, in Malaysia, as well as abroad; in Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Syria, Yemen, Palestine, Bangladesh and India.



FROM THE DESK: MOHD. SHAH SAPIEI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the most Merciful, the Compassionate

My journey towards Itizam started through my 20 years of experience of working with Multinational Corporations. As a proud owner of multiple, successful businesses, I was exposed first-hand to the world of Non-Profit Organisations and how they exact positive changes through community building efforts.

Inspired by these organisations, I started involving myself with several qariahs from Masjid Al-Itizam and together as a united community, we built our first Masjid (Mosque) from the ground up. It was an amazing and indescribable experience; the satisfaction from being able to give back to the community in such a way. It was a satisfaction I never got from my countless years of working!

In 2013, the people of Gaza were struck with another attack on their sovereignty. By Allah's will, our hearts wept at the daily bombings that occurred with disregard to the suffering of children, women and the elderly of Palestine. Due to the suffering caused, my friends and I decided to transcend helplessness toward action; my group and I pushed for aggressive fundraising and together, we personally went to Gaza to deliver aid. Being there, in a true warzone, it hit me; there's no such thing as an effective one off charity.

Facing a war with seemingly no end in sight, aid cannot be temporary. We must do more. Several of us like minded, industrious and astounding individuals banded together to form the Itizam Relief Society. Despite the heavy, uphill battle we've fought, its rewards had been immeasurable. To those reading thus far, I sincerely thank you and I'd like to personally extend an invitation to join our cause and together, we can aid the misfortunes of the world.

Let's together move towards fulfilling good deeds, and may these deeds transform into a never ending, flowing river of rewards; a self-aiding cycle of reward that ultimately guides us towards the rewards of Akhirah.

Yours sincerely,

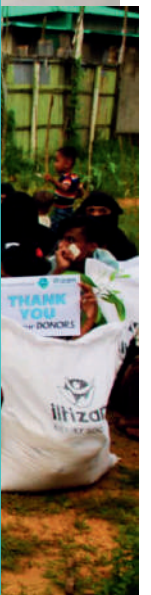
Mohd. Shah Sapiei
Chief Executive Officer

MAKING AN IMPACT

Itizam Relief Society strives towards making large, sustainable, and positive impacts on communities that are marginalised, oppressed and scarred by circumstances beyond their control. We seek to provide peoples from various communities with food, sustained access to clean water and skills upgrades to improve their prospective futures.

Through this profile, we would like to wholeheartedly invite you to see how your support can transform lives positively through the multiple projects we have organised. Currently, our projects include:

- ACCESS TO SUSTAINED CLEAN WATER
- FOOD AID FOR THE NEEDY
- LOCALISED BAKERY NETWORKS
- DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMMES
- SCHOOLS FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED
- BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME
- WINTER AID
- MUSOLLA FOR MUALLAF
- HOME FOR THE POOR AND DISASTER VICTIMS
- LIVES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME IN THE FORM OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR ESSENTIAL SKILLS TRAINING AND PROJECT JORAN.



HOW WE WORK

Iltizam Relief Society aims at providing long-term, sustainable approaches to solutions that empower peoples toward building a tenable future. We achieve this by providing consistent, continuing support such as vocational schools, wells for water, and the likes.

Whenever a long-term and sustainable solution is too strenuous, we switch strategies toward ensuring basic needs are met by providing a clean water supply as well as ensuring the availability of much needed food.

Ultimately, we believe that long-term solutions through education are the answer towards ensuring sustainable futures for communities in need of aid.



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Monitor

We measure and track progress and development using impact based metrics to inform and improve how we work, ensuring efficient use of resources.

02

Learn

We assess and learn best practices to improve performances by adapting to changes efficiently and use ingenious ideas to implement them.

03

Validate

We conduct due diligence checks to authenticate results and inform us on the efficacy of current and future strategies.

04

Outcome

We build an objective and credible evidence-based solution through data analysis, program tracking, results measurement, research and case studies.



MALAYSIA

Malaysia, being the homebase of Iltizam Relief Society, has, as of 2021, a Gross Domestic Product of 373 billion USD. Despite this, a recent World Bank 2023 survey found that more than 70% of lower-income households report inadequate financial resources to meet basic needs with over 60% of these respondents report having zero savings. Furthermore, an inflationary rate of 4.2% compounds these negative economic effects, disrupting lives unequally across differing states.

As the homebase of Iltizam, we are constantly on the lookout for the misfortunate in our homes. We ensure that our home-based projects are sustainable and targeted; from the distribution of Fidyah and Zakat contributions to long-term solutions, Iltizam Relief Society aims to provide a long-term, sustainable and concrete solution for Malaysian society so families can continue pursuing a living self-sufficiently.

ZAKAT AND FIDYAH DISBURSEMENT

Zakat, being one of the five pillars of Islam, is an important part of being a positive and constructive Muslim; ascribing fixed proportions of earnings towards the poor and thus building a safe and positive relationship between the Muslim and our Ummah.

Fidyah is an obligatory donation made when a Muslim is unable to fast due to health complications, etcetera. Fidyah is paid by feeding the poor two meals for each day that a fast was missed; paid only through food opposed to monetary donations.

Recognizing this, Iltizam seeks to intermediate the relationships between the Malaysian Ummah by providing an easy avenue towards Zakat and Fidyah contributions. Ensuring that the contributions received contribute toward targeted and sustainable community building efforts to aid the poor.



ILTIZAM CHILDREN EDUCATION FUND (ACE FUND)

Currently, the world is experiencing the worst crisis in education and learning within the century with over 100 million students globally not returning back to education due to economic woes. Laptops are now the primary tools used in higher education circles. However, due to the costs of procuring a laptop, underprivileged individuals are finding it hard to continue their education.

The Itizam Children Education Fund (ACE Fund) uses the donations it gets to buy the teaching materials required for the underprivileged students at the local universities to continue their study. Nowadays, laptop is the most important device needed at college or university. Over 55 laptops have already been distributed to deserving individuals, who are using them to excel in their academics, take control of their lives, and give themselves a chance for a better future.

We use donations received through Itizam's Children Education Fund (ACE Fund) to grant underprivileged students at local universities the tools needed to pursue their studies. The laptop, a quintessential tool of a college/university student life is recognized as necessary in order to pursue academic goals. To date, we have provided over 55 laptops to eligible children who utilize these tools to succeed academically, take control of their life, and give themselves a chance for a better future.

Itizam occasionally provides aid to deserving university students by paying their tuition before they obtain their study loans. This makes it easier for students whose parents are having financial issues to begin their study at the university level.

Itizam believes that education is a torch that burns purpose and hope within societies, capable of illuminating a path away from dark times. Through the Itizam Children Education Fund, we seek to instill the power of education within our communities to illuminate them to aspire for bigger things



W.A.S.H: ILTIZAM'S WATER WELL PROJECT FOR MALAYSIA

Water is an essential resource for life, especially for Muslims who utilise clean water to cleanse themselves before offering prayers and other religious activities. Furthermore, because Malaysia is located in a tropical climate that is hot and humid all year, the majority of Malaysians need to take a bath at least twice a day to stay clean and cool. So having a water source nearby is not only important but absolutely necessary.

It is a fact that Sabah has many of Malaysia's poorest districts. Additionally, many of Sabah's rural communities are found on islands near the coast, where they still face development challenges and receive little attention from the authorities. People there largely rely on rainwater harvesting as a source of clean water, including that used for drinking and cooking.

Total reliance on rainwater has a serious drawback, especially throughout the dry season when rain may be few and far between. In an effort to help these communities sustain their need for clean water all year round, Iltizam seeks to provide these areas with clean water by constructing water wells to harvest ground water through waqf payments donated by our blessed donors.

We have constructed 12 large water wells so far, spread across numerous islands. Each well can easily provide 10 to 20 families with water that is safe for consumption all year round. Some of the water wells helped to meet the demand for clean water for the mosques and schools.



PROJECT JORAN

Joran was established as our initiative to help underprivileged communities in Malaysia to stand on their own feet. Joran, the Malay word for fishing rod, is a nod to the well-known proverb; “Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime”.

While Itizam Food Bank caters to food aid in the short term range, Project Joran is a long-term commitment to alleviating poverty by facilitating self-sufficiency in families. Through Project Joran, we assist self-employed or small business owners to improve their economic situations by sponsoring necessary tools, teaching them a trade, or by providing them business opportunities. Beyond self-sufficiency, we seek to launch them into a new paradigm of personal and familial sustainability.

Project Joran was extremely important, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of layoffs, retrenchments, or having to close their business, many people lost their source of income. Everything happened pretty rapidly. There has never been a pandemic of this scope that has touched the entire world. Many individuals and governments were unprepared to deal with the situation effectively.

Itizam was going through a challenging moment at the same time as the sharp fall in donations. Itizam was able to offer more than 30 individuals who wished to start a small business a sense of optimism in spite of all the challenges.

We often provide people with tools, equipment, and start-up working capital that is worth between RM3,000 and RM8,000. Some of them continue to manage the businesses once the pandemic is over, while others choose to hunt for other employment.



QURBAN AND AQIQAH

The Islamic definition for Aqiqah is an animal slaughtered in the name of Allah for a baby that is born. The slaughter is called Aqiqah because the animal is slaughtered on the day of shaving the baby's head. From Kelang, Sik, Kedah to Nepal and Bangladesh, Iltizam provides opportunities for those that are willing to reach out to these communities through Qurban and Aqiqah, with Allah's blessings.

IFTAR RAMADHAN

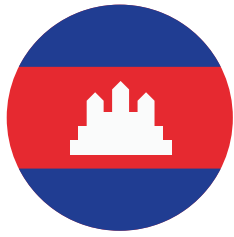
In these hard times, we help ensure donations and sadaqah adequately reach the recipient; the Asnaf. We work closely with community leaders and local partners to organise Iftar with Asnaf as well as distribute food baskets that can sustain each family for the whole month of Ramadan.

FOOD DONATION DRIVES

With a programme aimed at individualised solutions. Iltizam Relief Society would like to urge any members of the public to assist us in helping the needy to sustain themselves through basic needs. We run programmes at selected hypermarkets to reach out and spread public awareness to all in a call for aid to help us provide a small nudge to the needy.







CAMBODIA

Cambodia is considered one of the poorest nations in the world with nearly 74% of the population highly dependent on agriculture as a means to sustain their livelihoods (Human Development Report, 2002). Due to the limited income avenues, peoples in the outskirts toil their soil merely to meet their individual needs.

The brutal rule of the Khmer Rouge throughout the 1970s left religious minorities in Cambodia persecuted, tortured and humiliated. These exploits often left countless fatalities, with the Muslim community having their mosques destroyed and their religious way of life unguarded. Since the Khmer Rouge, the Cambodian Muslims, Khmer Islam, had lived in extreme destitute and poverty, calling out for aid through any means possible.

We've decided that it is time to answer these calls. Through much needed community service as well as consistent iftar and Qurban related projects, Iltizam seeks to alleviate the hardships of the invisible minority Khmer Islam.



FRIDAY SADAQAH: CAMBODIA

Cambodia experiences a high amount of brain drain due to the low income and low opportunity nature of the economy. Due to the minority persecution activities by the Khmer Rouge, these villages are affected by long-lasting, generational poverty with the majority of the young emigrating out, leaving the elderly behind. However, due to the recent COVID 19 related complications, these emigrants are unable to provide monetary assistance to their elderly back in Cambodia.

The significance of giving in Islam is likened to being an instrument of Allah's love, generosity and abundance. In order to seed the flowers of hope within the minority community of Khmer Islam, we request that the kind hearted provide donations through our Friday Sadaqah programme, Zakat and fidyah in order for us to continue providing sustenance aid to the poor in these regions.

Iltizam seeks to provide USD25 worth of meals and food aid to these elderly through a monthly food pack contribution to help alleviate their nutritional burdens. To date, we have alleviated the burden of over 50 families by providing long-lasting food aid that lasts between one to two months.



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL CAMBODIA

In 2019, we held a sewing class programme in Speu Village with the help of only 4 units of sewing machines and 1 unit of an edge sewing machine. Due to the limited availability of the machines, only 8 students can be taught at any one time. Up to now, there are 20 students who have graduated from this upskilling initiative.

Despite the small scale skills training programme, some students who have graduated from the programme have successfully started their own small sewing enterprise, expanding their products sold from village to village.

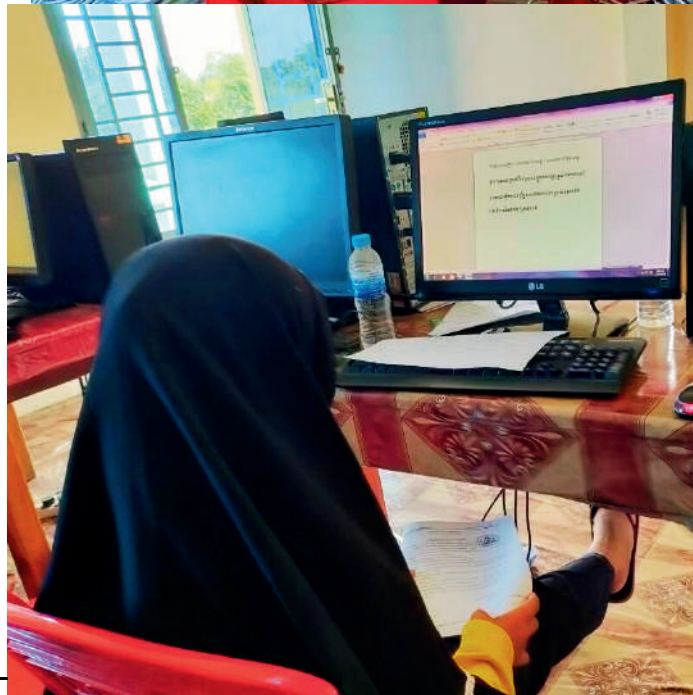
Aside from holding sewing classes as an upskilling initiative, Itizam Relief Society had also held computer lessons in Trabengchuck Village, Thom Province. The lessons are held modestly using 12 units of computer, capable of teaching basic computer skills such as Word processing, Excel, Powerpoint and so on, to up to 12 students at a time.

Despite the far-reaching impact our classes have thus far, we recognize the need for a larger scale outreach initiative to provide long-term skills and educational solutions to the society of Cambodia. In 2019, we have decided to purchase an empty plot of land with the hopes of building a vocational school with proper, scalable facilities and amenities that support the students toward attaining a better future. The School is aimed at helping the Muslim community in Cambodia modernize with the rest of the community.

The Vocational School will provide students with training on:

- Halal product manufacturing
- Cambodian handicraft
- Culinary training





NEPAL



We often get asked; why Nepal? The question is not surprising considering Itizam operated in other, more infamous countries such as Syria, Yemen and Myanmar. To date, 5 of the 9 countries we operate in are Active Warzones. However, 3 of these countries are places in which Muslims are a minority, oppressed and destitute. Furthermore, due to their smaller stature, they are often ignored when it comes to education, economies and healthcares.

Muslim Nepalis, being a minority, often get overlooked in terms of international aid, even from Muslim communities themselves. This resulted in countless missionaries reaching out for aid, resulting in a lot of individuals converting to Christianity. Due to this, we started performing yearly Qurban in Nepal for the Muslim minorities in order to shorten the distance between our ties and to cast away the veil of invisibility toward these Muslim minorities.



SADAQAH RAMADHAN PROGRAM

The Sadaqah Ramadhan Program is a yearly contribution of food aid in the form of Qurbani meat. Through the program, Iltizam aims to open up opportunities for Malaysian Muslims to perform their Qurban in Nepal. The meat obtained from the Qurban offerings will be distributed across poor Muslims communities in Nepal, distributed through the Masjid Jamek of Kathmandu.

With our persistent presence here, especially during the Ramadhan and Qurban season, we hope that through our actions, the Nepali Muslims know that they have a place in our hearts and prayers.



W.A.S.H: NEPAL TUBE WELL

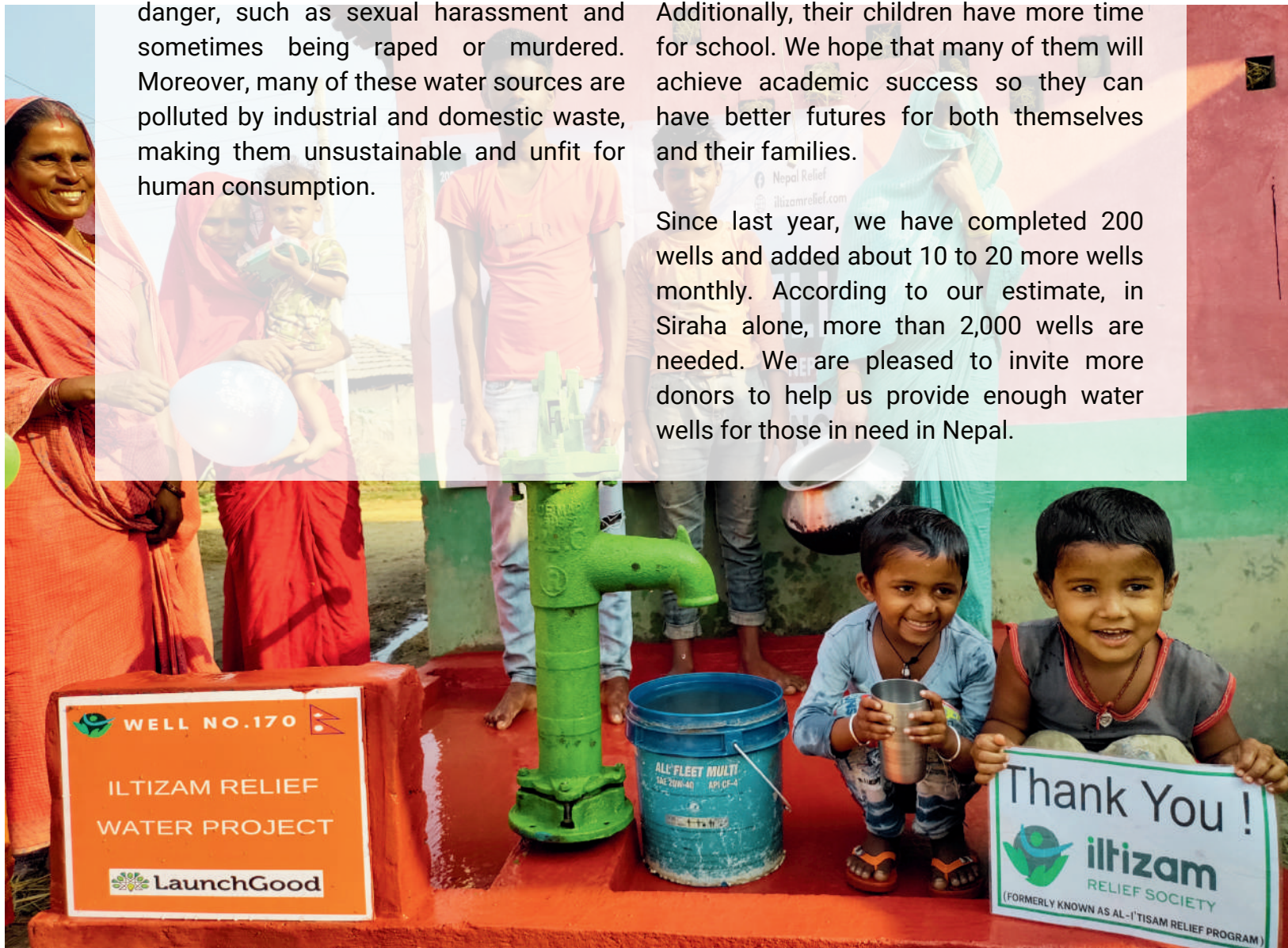
Nepal had long been in the focus for undergoing several humanitarian crises within the last two decades. However, one of the more persistent humanitarian issues surrounding Nepal is the availability of clean water. Despite being home to as many as 6000 rivers, rivulets and tributaries, only 67% of the Nepalese population has access to clean water.

Many families in rural areas generally rely on small creeks or walk an average of 2 kilometres to the nearest well for their daily water needs. The long daily water-fetching walks are normally tasks for the women of the family and their young girls. This routine exposed them to all kinds of danger, such as sexual harassment and sometimes being raped or murdered. Moreover, many of these water sources are polluted by industrial and domestic waste, making them unsustainable and unfit for human consumption.

Recognizing this, Itizam Relief Society, in collaboration with local partners in Nepal, had worked to construct tube wells in rural villages in the Siraha province. Furthermore, the tube wells are constructed in accordance with CDC and WHO guidelines to ensure a safe, clean and sustainable source of water for all in the villages.

Families who have water wells close to their homes have benefited from increased safety as well as more free time to focus on improving their family's income by tending to small vegetable gardens around the house for their own consumption and selling the excess to neighbours. Additionally, their children have more time for school. We hope that many of them will achieve academic success so they can have better futures for both themselves and their families.

Since last year, we have completed 200 wells and added about 10 to 20 more wells monthly. According to our estimate, in Siraha alone, more than 2,000 wells are needed. We are pleased to invite more donors to help us provide enough water wells for those in need in Nepal.







MYANMAR

In 1982, the Myanmar government introduced a citizenship law disqualifying the Rohingya from becoming proper citizens of Myanmar. This made the Rohingya community vulnerable to threats and conscription of extremist organisations. While many have fled Myanmar seeking better futures, some families are still reluctant to move on; unable to abandon their long-time home.

Hearing this, we understand the reasons for them choosing to not abandon their homeland. Similarly, Iltizam had decided to empower the Rohingya people through much needed education with the building of permanent schools.

Furthermore, as a long term solution to other problems faced by the Rohingya, we have also managed to provide yearly Iftar, Qurban and Aqiqah as well as constructing tube wells and concrete ring wells through the help of warm-hearted donors.



W.A.S.H: ROHINGYA CLEAN WATER PROJECT

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Clean water availability had long been an issue for the Rohingya refugee communities in Myanmar. Due to the great oppression faced by these communities, many of the Rohingya families living in the region were denied rights to better public infrastructures pertaining to water. These communities are then forced to rely on unclean ponds, puddles and rivers to source their supply of water.

These substandard conditions are a major source of woe as the young and elderly face great risks of contracting water-borne diseases. Furthermore, the women of Rohingya are evermore at risk as they face threats of rape and sexual harassment in their effort to source their daily needs of water.

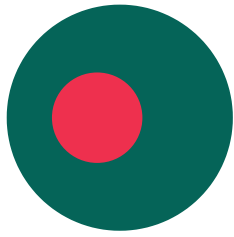
To date, Iltizam Relief Society has built over 798 units of tube wells to aid Rohingya families source clean water, safely. Furthermore, Iltizam appoints two caretakers to safeguard these wells in order to ensure the wells are constantly guarded and protected from damages. However, we strongly believe in the power of education and through it, the children of Rohingya will someday rise up and earn their citizenship to their motherland; Myanmar.

MADRASAH FOR ROHINGYA

For the longest time, the children of Rohingya were denied their rights to education due to the unrecognised citizenship status of these children. Education in these communities are only attained through informal means in private, community run wood and bamboo schools. These children are especially vulnerable to injury due to improper building protocols as well as illiteracy due to the high dropout rates from the lack of schooling and learning facilities.

Iltizam, seeing the possible outcomes due to a lack of educational opportunities experienced by these children, had started building 9 new schools for the children in Arakan, Myanmar.

- Ranyfarah Al I'tisam School
- Dagongfarah Al I'tisam School
- Managifarah Al I'tisam School
- Arakan Al I'tisam School



BANGLADESH

Bangladesh is a country infamous for the state of its economy; with over 20% of the population living below the national poverty line. Moreover, due to the detrimental living conditions faced by Bangladeshi citizens, around 4% of the population employed has a purchasing power of below 1.90\$.

Due to the conflicts surrounding the Rohingya community in Myanmar, more than one million Rohingya people, 60% constituting children, have fled targeted violence into neighbouring Bangladesh. The majority of those that fled to Bangladesh ran from targeted persecution and extreme violence in exile from their home countries.

Recognizing this major humanitarian crisis, Iltizam Relief Society has had a long presence in Bangladesh, being involved in multiple projects within Bangladesh surrounding orphanages in the country.



POST-COVID MISSION 2022 – BANGLADESH

However, due to the recent COVID-19 related restrictions, Itizam has had countless difficulties returning to the country for aid. Travel restrictions were lifted in most countries towards the fourth quarter of 2022, Itizam was finally able to return to Bangladesh to monitor and implement further projects to help the Rohingya refugee community of Bangladesh.

Itizam continued to find ways to provide aid to the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar despite all obstacles. Since volunteer networks have been established in and around the refugee camps since 2015, Itizam has been able to give all forms of humanitarian aid to those in need with minimum disruption.

Our volunteers continue to carry out projects including food baskets, water wells, new clothes for kids, sadaqah Ramadan, and qurbani. We received reports in the form of photographs and videos for monitoring and review. During COVID-19, the project cost for the Rohingya in Bangladesh was roughly RM500,000.





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INDIA

While India boasts one of the largest economic and population growths in 2022, surpassing China, the Muslim community of Uttar Dinajpur, one of the poorest districts in West Bengal, faces extreme poverty and a lack of access to clean water for daily life. Worse, the communities living in the district rely mainly on agriculture for their survival and economic livelihood.



SALAAM INDIA (WEST BENGAL)

As one of the most destitute regions in West Bengal, 98% of the Muslim population rely heavily on hand pumped tube wells for drinking water, sanitation, washing and livestock purposes. However, existing tube wells are far from enough to supply clean water to the ever growing population.

In order to address the issue of clean water inaccessibility, Itizam seeks to build as many tube wells in the district of Uttar Dinajpur as possible. To date, we have constructed over 43 tube wells for the community of Uttar Dinajpur, benefiting over 10–15 families for every tube well constructed. The number of tube wells is still growing between 5 and 10 wells a month. However, we believe we can achieve much more with the help of our kind donors.

Food baskets are another project that is frequently carried out in West Bengal. Each food basket costs about \$25 and contains 10–12 different foods that might last a family of six for up to 3–4 weeks in food. Itizam's food assistance programme has helped 250 households since June 2022.



SALAAM INDIA (KASHMIR)

Iltizam is actively helping the underprivileged Muslims there in Kashmir, another region of northern India. Muslims continue to experience economic hardships and oppression, which makes every day's struggles more difficult. Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir, and Poonch, a region near the Pakistani border, were the locations we concentrated on in 2022.

Food baskets, Ramadan sadaqah, and food assistance for orphanages are among the initiatives carried out in Srinagar. Few projects can be carried out in this area due to funding limitations. We sincerely hope that more donors will come forward to help us in the coming year because Muslims in Kashmir are in desperate need of assistance from Muslims all over the world.

Poonch is situated near the Pakistani border in a remote area of Kashmir. The population of this area is constantly in danger due to the regular clashes between India and Pakistan and the frequent artillery exchanges between their armed forces.

Besides the food basket, Iltizam is working toward completing the renovation of a madrasah for the poor and orphans. Once completed, the learning space will allow for free education for all. At the moment, the madrasah has about 300 boys and girls in various grades. The capacity may be increased to 350 once the project is completed, expected completion around mid-2023.







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YEMEN

There are an estimated 24 million people in Yemen currently in need of humanitarian assistance and protection. 20 million of which need help in areas of securing food sources. Currently, 10 million individuals are considered “one step away from famine”, according to the United Nations.

The charity Save the Children estimated that there were 85, 000 in child casualties caused by severe acute malnutrition between April 2015 to October 2018. An estimated 2 million children are acutely malnourished, including almost 360,000 children under five years old struggling to survive.



ILTIZAM BAKERY YEMEN

Since the year 2016, Iltizam Bakery has recognized the urgent need to stand by our fellow Yemenis, who find themselves amidst the harrowing realities of war and crushing poverty. Our mission has been clear - to provide a steady and secure source of sustenance.

We embarked on a visionary journey, a long-term food availability project for Yemen, and laid the foundation of the Iltizam Bakery in Zabid. This bakery has become a symbol of resilience, offering the gift of daily bread to families in the Zabid district, touching the lives of as many as 6,000 people each month.

Presently, our endeavors are centered around a single bakery with the remarkable capacity to consistently produce 7,500 loaves of bread per day. This translates into a lifeline for over 750 families, delivering nourishment in their times of greatest need. To sustain this vital operation, we face an estimated daily operating cost of around RM1,750 (USD 380).

Since our inception, Iltizam Bakery has produced an astonishing 5,763,000 loaves of bread, all distributed without charge. This monumental effort has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of at least 576,300 families. The presence of our bakery in Yemen since 2017 has played a pivotal role in mitigating the looming threat of famine, offering a ray of hope in the face of adversity.

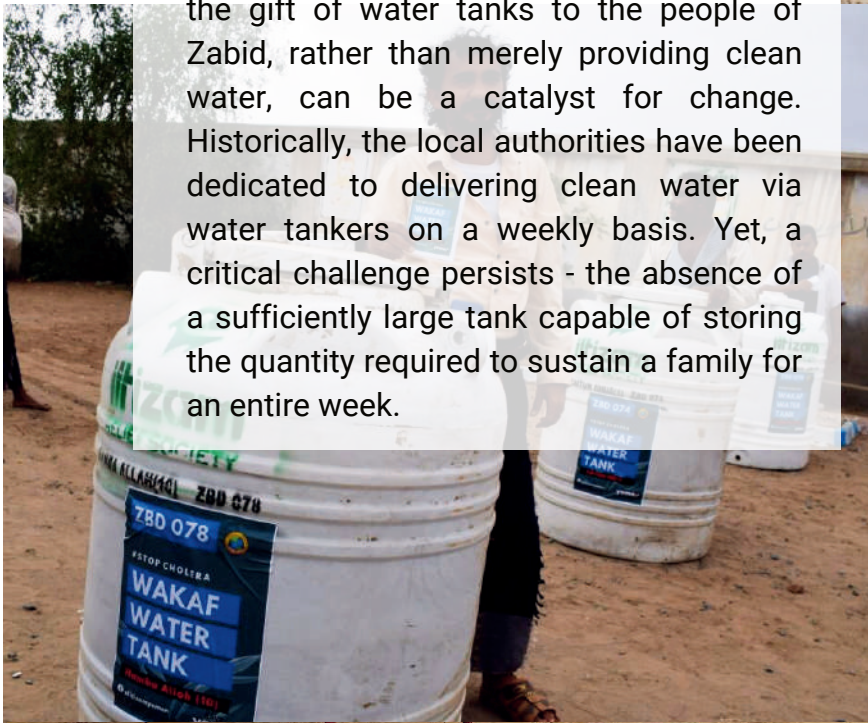


W.A.S.H: CLEAN WATER PROJECT YEMEN

Beyond the ongoing civil strife that has inflicted profound hardship upon Yemen's citizens, a silent crisis looms in the form of cholera infections, a tragic consequence of inadequate access to clean water and sanitation. In the face of this dire need, Itizam has undertaken a resolute mission to initiate enduring food and water projects throughout the city of Zabid, located in northern Yemen.

As we embark on this journey, we aspire to offer more than immediate relief. Our endeavors extend to encompass comprehensive, sustainable solutions, aimed at alleviating the enduring suffering faced by the people of Zabid as they strive to rebuild their lives amidst the ravages of war.

Informed by meticulous feasibility studies, our project has led us to a crucial insight: the gift of water tanks to the people of Zabid, rather than merely providing clean water, can be a catalyst for change. Historically, the local authorities have been dedicated to delivering clean water via water tankers on a weekly basis. Yet, a critical challenge persists - the absence of a sufficiently large tank capable of storing the quantity required to sustain a family for an entire week.



HYGIENE KIT YEMEN

Furthermore, the Cholera related outbreak from improper water storage and consumption caused a growing crisis of public health in the regions of Hodeidah. This issue is further compounded by the lack of foreign aid access due to frequent blockages enacted by the Houthi and Arab Coalition.

Unknown numbers of people have died as a result of COVID-19, but nobody really cares because of the scarcity of medical resources and the remoteness of Yemen's rural areas. Itizam keeps up the good fight to help lessen the suffering Yemenis endure due to deadly diseases, despite our limitations.

In addition to initiatives to provide clean water, Itizam distributes hygiene kits to poor families in an effort to improve the health and sanitation conditions of the poor families. Each hygiene kit includes items like bath soap, shampoo, soap for washcloths, tooth paste, brushes, a pail, a 20-liter water tank, and other things.

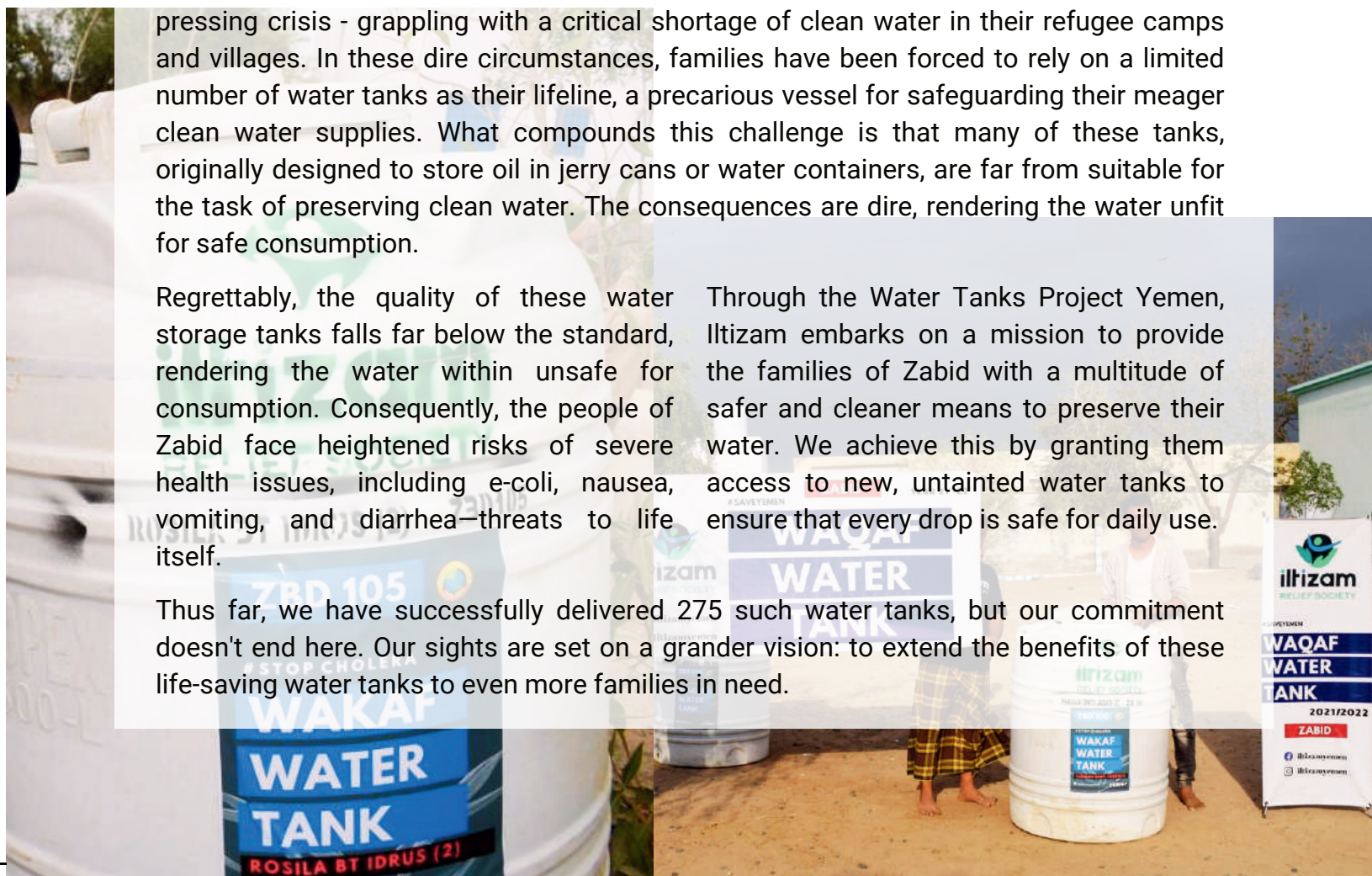
WATER TANKS: ENSURING CLEAN WATER FOR YEMEN

Amidst the relentless conflict in Yemen, the people of Zabid have been enduring a pressing crisis - grappling with a critical shortage of clean water in their refugee camps and villages. In these dire circumstances, families have been forced to rely on a limited number of water tanks as their lifeline, a precarious vessel for safeguarding their meager clean water supplies. What compounds this challenge is that many of these tanks, originally designed to store oil in jerry cans or water containers, are far from suitable for the task of preserving clean water. The consequences are dire, rendering the water unfit for safe consumption.

Regrettably, the quality of these water storage tanks falls far below the standard, rendering the water within unsafe for consumption. Consequently, the people of Zabid face heightened risks of severe health issues, including e-coli, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea—threats to life itself.

Thus far, we have successfully delivered 275 such water tanks, but our commitment doesn't end here. Our sights are set on a grander vision: to extend the benefits of these life-saving water tanks to even more families in need.

Through the Water Tanks Project Yemen, Itizam embarks on a mission to provide the families of Zabid with a multitude of safer and cleaner means to preserve their water. We achieve this by granting them access to new, untainted water tanks to ensure that every drop is safe for daily use.





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SYRIA

Our work in Syria began in November 2017; the height of a conflict between the rebel forces and the government over their grip on Eastern Ghouta. As a humanitarian NGO, we do not participate in or support any sides in the dispute. However, we cannot turn our backs on the suffering of the common people from all the fighting. We are duty bound to prevent the helpless from being sacrificial victims to the conflict.

In early December 2017, a field kitchen was quickly set up, providing 500 packs of cooked food daily to those stranded in the city due to the conflict. The kitchen served meals until April 2018 when a truce was mediated with the rebels moving to northern Syria. Despite the subsided fighting, we continue working in northern Syria until today.



BAKERY RAS AL AYN, HASAKA, SYRIA

In November 2022, the bakery opened its doors, producing 8,000 loaves of bread per month. The bakery's goal was to save the Internally Displaced People (IDPs) who fled to Ras Al Ayn to escape the war, which is now in its eleventh year. Living in the area has become nearly impossible due to the conflict and the region's extreme drought. Livestock deaths were widespread, and the lack of water made it impossible for agriculture. According to our survey, mass starvation is imminent if left unaided.

The need for more bread is rising as more IDPs move to the city hoping to find aid to continue surviving. Our plan is to increase production to 30,000 loaves of bread a month as an effort to prevent starvation. WFP and UNHCR are unable to operate in this region due to safety concerns. Only NGOs with the backing of the local community, like Itizam, are able to operate in this area with a reasonable level of safety.

FOOD AID – FOOD BASKET, QURBANI AND AQIQAH

Food baskets are regularly distributed in northern Syria, from Bza'a all the way to Jindires, along Turkey's southern border. Ready-to-eat food distribution is another one of Itizam's regular activities in addition to the distribution of food baskets.

The city of Al-Bab serves as the focal point for the Qurban and Aqiqah seasonal projects that we diligently carry out in Syria. Kibas (fat-tailed sheep) are sacrificed every year in numbers ranging from 30 to 40. Next, the meat is given to the region's hard core poor.



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Furthermore, we have constructed a kitchen facility capable of feeding 600, from the sum total of 130,000 refugees in Albab. However, after only 10 days of operation, we had to shut the project down due to a lack of funds and the difficulty of operating in a warzone.

Syria needs our help, these victims of circumstances outside their control are in need of our attention and aid. Projects in Syria are in a dire demand as these projects are purely for the preservation of lives. Join us in our Mission to answer these calls for aid.







PALESTINE

Palestine is a well known land of strife, pain and resentment. While we enjoyed our Muslim festivities with great joy, surrounded by loved ones with fireworks blaring in the air, Palestinians lived with uncertainty, great fear and constant bombs flaring.

Food items during these festivities come as a luxury and meat becomes a scarcity. Furthermore, women and children are not spared from slaughter with school going children having to learn how to weaponize themselves and picking up arms for their lives.

As the country that inspired Iltizam Relief Society, we will not consciously choose to abandon the people of Palestine. We aim to regularly provide yearly Iftar and Qurban as well as sponsor as many children in their school necessities. Let's band together and aid our fellow Palestinian Muslims, through efforts in providing food to these families and pray that Allah provides peace and prosperity to those in need in Palestine.





PAKISTAN

Finally, Ittizam had made its move into Pakistan following an unprecedented flood in the summer of 2022. Thirty three million individuals were affected by the massive floods, with approximately 8 million individuals displaced, 13,000 injured and 2,000 deaths as a direct result of the disaster.

Ittizam's disaster relief team consisting of 7 people led by the Chief Executive Officer arrived in Pakistan on September 26th 2022. We spent a total of 7 days in Nawabshah, a semi-urban area about 400 kilometers from Karachi, to distribute 3,000 packs of cooked food and 500 grocery baskets to the flood victims.

Most of the victims stayed in dilapidated tents along the roads and higher ground with a total reliance on handouts from several NGOs and agencies working in the area including Ittizam. For the people who lost their homes, Ittizam plans to provide shelters with the cooperation of the communities and leaders. The project is expected to take off in the second half of 2023.



DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS

Disaster can happen at the worst of times, often striking at the most unpredictable time and impacting the most unprepared communities. While we try to plan our projects for long-term progress, we often try to aid those within grasp of natural disasters.

Whenever disaster strikes, Iltizam makes an effort to quickly gather crucial information and partner with a local organisation, typically a registered NGO already engaged in disaster relief efforts. We will plan the kinds of assistance required in the region based on feedback from the local partner. Typically, during a disaster, prepared foods, safe drinking water, hygiene kits, temporary shelter, and blankets would be the most necessary aid.

As per our standard operating procedure, if the disaster occurred outside of Malaysia, we have 10 days, and if it occurred inside Malaysia, we have 3 days to get there to distribute emergency aid. Emergency relief funds of at least RM 100,000 must be made available to meet such a short deadline. There was only one disaster relief operation outside of Malaysia in 2022, and that was in Pakistan. We spent 7 days in Nawabshah, in Sindh province, delivering 500 food baskets and 3,000 packets of cooked food.

In Malaysia, nine flood relief projects were successfully completed in 2022: one each in Maran, Pahang; Segamat, Johor; Kuala Krai, Kelantan; Baling, Kedah; Kok Lanas, Kelantan; Pasir Puteh, Kelantan; and Tumpat, Kelantan. The projects helped 17,200 people in total.





CLOSING

As you have now read through our efforts and program, we would like it known that we only have so many hands to stretch before it runs thin. There are still many more in need of real help, even if they remain unseen to the public eye. We are constantly in need of resources, be it monetary, essential items or even volunteer manpower.

- In order to continue feeding up to 800 hungry families in Yemen through Iltizam Bakery, we spend more than RM 13, 000 monthly on a fortnightly distribution of free bread. However, we are still far from the goal of daily distribution.
- Nepal, with poverty running rampant impacting the minority Muslim communities require more than ephemeral aid; they require long-lasting, sustained resolution to their issues. To empower the poor in Nepal with vocational school training, Iltizam requires all the resource it can get.
- Moreover, our involvement in multiple regions require that we secure sufficient funding to successfully execute our plans for long-term, sustainable and viable solutions toward empowering families and communities around the world.

We urge that if you have read this far to provide us with any form of assistance, even if through avenues other than monetary. These assistance would stretch a long way towards providing sustainable and long-term growth in line with our mission and vision.

We warm-heartedly welcome any collaboration with organisations for the interest of improving futures for all. Any individual can help, as with enough hands, we can move the world toward change.

Together, we can pursue the end of suffering and let's together be the Caliphs of Allah.



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